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1. USLO COPY OF FEBRUARY ISSUE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "CHINA PICTORIAL" (REFTEL) ARRIVED ON MARCH 12. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION IS NOW WIDELY AVAILABLE IN PEKING BOOKSTORES AND USUALLY OPENED FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES TO PHOTOGRAPIU OF CHOU EN-LAI ON SUPPLEMENT PAGES 8 THROUGH 15. (FOR DEPT: THESE ARE THE SAME PICTURES CARRIED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY

ON JANUARY 15 AND 16 EXCEPT THE 1947 PHOTO SHOWING CHOW PLOTTING POSITIONS ON BATTLE MAP HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ONE SHOWING HIM USING TELEPHONE AT DESK.)

2. CHINESE-LANGUAGE VERSION, HOWEVER, IS NOT AVAILABLE AND REQUESTS FOR IT ARE MET WITH STATEMENT THAT

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MAGAZINE HAS BEEN "SOLD OUT." IN PEKING, "SOLD OUT"
CAN MEAN IT WAS NEVER AVAILABLE, BUT A SOVIET EMBOFF
MENTIONED THAT THEY HAD BOUGHT THE CHINESE-LANGUAGE
VERSION SOME DAYS BEFORE WE TRIED. WE THUS ASSUME
CHINESE VERSION WAS SNAPPED UP BY THE PEOPLE OF PEKING
TO KEEP AS MEMENTOS.
3. APRIL "CHINA RECONSTRUCTS", WHICH ARRIVED USLO SAME
DAY, CARRIES SIMILAR SUPPLEMENT ON CHOU EN-LAI.
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